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my dear Sir

broken to Pieces and worn out with the Diseases engendered by the tainted Atmosphere of Amsterdam operating upon the Effects of fatiguing Journeys dangerous Voyages, a Variety of Climates and eternal Anxiety of Mind, I have not been able to write you so often as I wished. But now I hope the fine Season and the pure Air of the Hague, will restore me. — Perhaps you will say that the Air of a Court is as putrid as that of Amsterdam. in a moral and political Sense perhaps but I am determined that the bad Morals and false Politicks of other People shall no longer affect my Repose of Mind, nor disturb my Physical Constitution.

What is it to me, after having done all I can to let them right whether other People go to Heaven or to the Devil? I may howl and weep but this will have no Effect: I may then just as well Sing and Laugh ——

Pray how do you like your new Allies the Dutch? Does your Imagination rove into futurity and Speculate and combine, as it used to do? — It is a pretty Amusement to play a Game with Nations, as if they were Fox & Geese — or Corns upon a Checker Board. — or the Personages at Chess. is it not? — It is however, the real Employment of a Statesman to play such a Game sometimes. a sublime one truly, enough to make a Man Serious however. addicted to Heart. — Politicks are the divine Science after all. — how is it possible that any Man should ever think of making it Subservient to his own little Passions, and mean private Interest?

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Ye base born Sons of fallen Adam! Is the End of Politicks
a Fortune a Family, a gilded Coach, a Train of Horses
a troop of Livery Servants — Balls at Court — Splendid
Dinners and Suppers! — Yet the divine Science of Politicks
is at length in Europe reduced to a mechanical System
composed of these Materials — what Says the Muse
Mrs Warren!

What is to become of an independent Statesman?
one, who will bow the knee to no Idol? who will worship
nothing as a Divinity, but Truth, Virtue & his Country?
I will tell you, he will be regarded more by Posterity
than those who worship Hounds and Horses. and although
he will not make his own Fortune he will make the
Fortune of his Country. — The Liberties of Corsica, Sweeden
and Geneva may be overturned, but neither his Character
can be hurt nor his Exertions rendered ineffectual.
Oh Peace, when will thou permit me to visit Penshill
Milton Hill and all the Blue Hills! I love every Tree
and every Rock upon all those Mountains.

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roving among these and the Quails Partridges Squirrells
& that inhabit them shall be the amusement of my
declining years God willing. — I wont go to Vermont
I must be within the Scent of the Sea —

I hope to send along a Treaty in two or three Months.
I love the Dutchmen with all their Faults. There is a
strong Spirit of Liberty among them, and many excellent
Qualities. — next year, their Navy will be so strong as to be
able to do a great deal. They may do something this. —

I am going to Court to Sup with Princes, Princesses
and Ambassadors. — I had rather Sup with you
at one of our Hills, though I have no Objection
to Supping at Court.

Adieu

General Warren

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